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For The Northern Mariana Islands
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIA HELENA JEBEHN,

Plaintiff

v.

JOSEPH JOHN HERRERA, *et al.*,

Defendants

Civil No. 03-0027

ORDER GRANTING
IN PART AND DENYING
IN PART PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND
COSTS

THE COURT has before it plaintiff's motion for costs and fees incurred to enforce the judgment against defendant Joseph John Herrera.

The court has reviewed the billing records submitted by plaintiff in support of his request for attorney fees and finds them generally reasonable and necessary.¹

Accordingly, the court awards attorney fees and paralegal fees as follows: Michael W.

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The court declines to award fees for the conference between Mr. Dotts and Mr. Bozman on March 29, 2006, finding the time spent unreasonable.

1 Dotts, 1.2 hours = \$300.00; Eric D. Bozman, 1.75 hours = \$315.00; and paralegal
2 Auralou Sabangan, 10 hours = \$1,200.00, for a total award of \$1,815.00.

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4 As for costs, Title 28 U.S.C. § 1920 provides in full:

5 Taxation of costs. A judge or clerk of any court of the United States
6 may tax as costs the following:

- 7 (1) Fees of the clerk and marshal;
8 (2) Fees of the court reporter for all or any part of the stenographic
9 transcript necessarily obtained for use in the trial;
10 (3) Fees and disbursements for printing and witnesses;
11 (4) Fees for exemplification and copies of papers necessarily obtained
12 for use in the case;
13 (5) Docket fees under section 1923 of this title;
14 (6) Compensation of court appointed experts, compensation of
15 interpreters, and salaries, fees, expenses, and costs of special
16 interpretation services under section 1828 of this title.

17 A bill of costs shall be filed in the case and, upon allowance, included in
18 the judgment or decree.

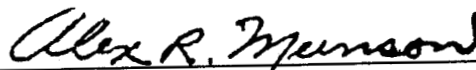
19 The types of costs awardable under Fed.R.Civ.P. 54(d) are limited to those
20 enumerated in 28 U.S.C. § 1920; costs not listed in § 1920 may not be taxed unless
21 they are specifically authorized by some other statute or by contract. Crawford
22 Fitting Co. v. J.T. Gibbons, Inc., 482 U.S. 437, 440, 441-442, 107 S.Ct. 2494, 2497-
23 2498 (1987).

24 Accordingly, plaintiff is allowed costs only for publication (\$72.00 + \$584.01)
25 in the amount of \$656.01. The other costs are more properly characterized as
26 attorney office overhead expenses and no provision for their award is made in 28

1 U.S.C. § 1920.

2 IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff is awarded the sum of \$1,815.00 as attorney
3 and paralegal fees and \$656.01 for costs, for a total of \$2,471.01.
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5 DATED this 28th day of April, 2006.
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10 ALEX R. MUNSON

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